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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date :11/8/2005; 7/26/2005; 1/19/2005; 10/8/2003.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This action is in reply to the application filed on October 8, 2003.
2. Claims 1-10 are currently pending and have been examined.

Priority

3. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. 10/680103, filed on October 8, 2003. Should applicant desire to obtain the benefit of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), a certified English translation of the foreign application must be submitted in reply to this action. 37 CFR 41.154(b) and 41.202(e).
4. Failure to provide a certified translation may result in no benefit being accorded for the non-English application.

Information Disclosure Statement

5. The Information Disclosure Statements filed 11/8/2005, 7/26/2005, 1/19/2005 and 10/8/2003 have been considered. The foreign references were not provided in English and therefore could not be considered. Additionally, with the exception of the Jones reference in the IDS received 1/19/2005, the other cited references contain typographical errors. Please provide corrected document number so that the documents can be reviewed. Initialed copies of the Form 1449 are enclosed herewith.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
8. Claim 1 is a system claim in which the structure of the system is recited in lines 1-21. However, lines 22-28 recite the functionality of the claim, as would typically be recited in a method claim. A system claim is defined by the structure and not the functionality, therefore it is unclear how the language of lines 22-28 is intended to limit the claim. Claim 2 contains similar functional language in lines 16-23. Claims 3-5 are rejected through their dependency from claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. **Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DiMarco (US Pub. No. 2003/0177027 in view of Zhao (US Pub. No. 2005/0228901).
11. **Claims 1, 3, 6 and 8:** DiMarco discloses
- *information communication terminals that are used by users;* (P[0096]: data is captured via input screens and P[0097]: invention is web based therefore it is inherent that some type of computer interface is employed.)

- *an information server in which personal information of said users are registered; (P[0097]: server and P[0099]: information about the user is captured during registration)*
- *a communication network that connects said information communication terminals to said information server, (P[0097]: web) wherein:*
- *each of said information communication terminals, comprising:*
- *a personal information registering means that registers his/her personal information in said information server via said communication network by using a password (P[0099]: user enters information during registration process which includes use of a password as it is disclosed that date of birth is used as "an identifier during the password reset process it a user forgets their password) and attaching address information for said personal information; (P[0107]: a user can send an email with "embedded web links that provide direct access to their Career View, Visual Resume, or Career Autobiography" thus, address information is attached (a link to a website inherently comprises an address (i.e., a URL)) and*
- *a memorizing means that memorizes said password for connecting to said information server and said address information for said personal information that was approved by said information server at the time when each of said users of said information communication terminals registered his/her personal information in said information server, (P[0105]: data is stored and retrieved through a relational database. The act of storing comprises memorizing, the act of registering/access via a password comprises approval by information server)*
- *said information server, comprising: a database in which said password and said personal information with said address information that said information server approved are stored, (P[0105])*
- *when a user of one of said information communication terminals desires to offer some personal information to another user of one of said information communication terminals, said user informs another user about said address information, and another user connects to said*

information server by using said address information and obtains said personal information of said user. (P[0107]).

12. DiMarco does not disclose sending a password with the link in order to access personal information.
13. Zhao, however, discloses that a user provides a URL to find a profile after providing a password that signifies that the user has the authority to allow the release of the profile information. (P[0026]).
14. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included sending a password, as disclosed by Zhao, in the system disclosed by DiMarco, for the motivation of providing a method of increased security for controlled release of personal information. Authentication of a user's authority (as Zhao teaches in P[0026] for the release of information) is equally important for controlling access to information. DiMarco would be motivated to be so in order to preserve the security of the resume data provided in the web links sent via email.
15. **Claims 2 and 7:** DiMarco discloses that a user enters a plurality of personal information which is approved by the server during the registration process (P[0099]). Fig. 4B discloses that a plurality of links will be included in an email message to various information items (such as a "Visual Resume" and a "Career Autobiography"). It is inherent that each of these distinct information items has a different and individual address because each has its own link. It is also inherent that in order for the email with the selected links to be sent, the information server approved the different links. The relational database stores the information (i.e., memorizes) (P[0109]). The user selects the information to be provider to another by send the chosen links (Fig. 4B and P[0107]).
16. DiMarco does not disclose sending a password with the link in order to access personal information.

17. Zhao, however, discloses that a user provides a URL to find a profile after providing a password that signifies that the user has the authority to allow the release of the profile information. (P[0026]).
18. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included sending a password, as disclosed by Zhao, in the system disclosed by DiMarco, for the motivation of providing a method of increased security for controlled release of personal information. Authentication of a user's authority (as Zhao teaches in P[0026] for the release of information) is equally important for controlling access to information. DiMarco would be motivated to be so in order to preserve the security of the resume data provided in the web links sent via email.
19. **Claims 5 and 10:** DiMarco discloses that the personal information is a resume (*letter and sign information*).
20. **Claims 4 and 9** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DiMarco (US Pub. No. 2003/0177027 in view of Zhao (US Pub. No. 2005/0228901) in view of PR Newswire ("Wireless World 2001 Announces First Conference With Wireless LAN Networking": PR Newswire. New York: Aug. 3, 2001. pg. 1).
21. **Claims 4 and 9:** DiMarco discloses transmitting information via the web. DiMarco does not disclose using *short distance radio communication*.
22. PR Newswire, however, discloses accessing the Internet via a handheld PDA (P5) where conference attendees were able to establish contact using wireless communications (P3).
23. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have included wireless communication via PDA or Laptop, as disclosed by PR Newswire, in the system of DiMarco for the motivation of facilitating making important contacts (P4). Wireless communications are a portable and convenient means of accessing data from emails and the Internet.

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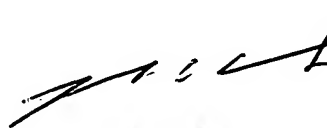
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gabrielle McCormick whose telephone number is 571-270-1828. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday (6:00- 4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 571-272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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